

# WORTHING CHRIST CHURCH

Grafton Road

19<sup>th</sup> May 2024

*Pentecost [Whit Sunday]*



## ORDER OF SERVICE

**10.30am Holy Communion  
led by The Revd Peter Kane**

Epistle: Acts 2: 1 - 21 read by Steven L  
Gospel: John 15: 26-27; 16. 4b-15 read by Janet A  
Intercessions led by Janine H

***Evensong this evening at 6pm  
will be led by The Revd Roger Walker***

***There is prayer in the organ vestry every Sunday at  
10am for 15 minutes before the service, which you are  
welcome to join at any time***

**The Organ Voluntary after our Service today is:  
Hymnus Veni Creator Spiritus 4 verses (Tabulatura Nova  
part III no. 15, 1624) by Samuel Scheidt, 1587-1654, Halle**

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# A Service of Holy Communion

## The Greeting *[Stand]*

The Lord be with you  
**All** and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**All** He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

## OPENING HYMN [179] *[Please stand to sing]*

*Choir note vs 3 is omitted from the hymn book*

Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
Inflame our souls with love,  
transforming every heart and home  
with wisdom from above.  
O let us not despise  
the humble path Christ trod,  
but choose, to shame the worldly-wise,  
the foolishness of God.

Come with the gift to heal  
the wounds of guilt and fear,  
and to oppression's face reveal  
the kingdom drawing near.  
Where chaos longs to reign,  
descend, O holy Dove,  
and free us all to work again  
the miracles of love.

Give us the tongues to speak,  
in every time and place,  
to rich and poor, to strong and weak,  
the word of love and grace.  
Enable us to hear  
the words that others bring,  
interpreting with open ear  
the special song they sing.

Come, Holy Spirit, dance  
within our hearts today,  
our earthbound spirits to entrance,  
our mortal fears allay.  
And teach us to desire,  
all other things above,  
that self-consuming holy fire,  
the perfect gift of love!

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## **Prayer of Preparation**

**All** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom  
no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Prayers of Penitence *[Sit or kneel]***

### **Summary of the Law**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord;  
and you shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart, and with all your mind,  
and with all your soul, and with all your strength.

This is the first and greatest commandment.

And the second is like, namely this:

You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no other commandment greater than these. On  
these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**All     Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

### **Invitation to confession**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus  
Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in  
heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

**All     Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us, forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of  
life to the glory of your name.    Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your  
sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep  
you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All Amen.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis** [Stand]

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **The Collect**

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful  
people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:  
grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all  
things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;  
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**All Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

## *Epistle [Sit] Acts 2: 1 - 21*



When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked: 'Are not all these men who speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!' Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, 'What does this mean?'

Some, however, made fun of them and said, 'They have had too much wine.'

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Here ends the Epistle. **All Thanks be to God.**

## **Worship Songs** *Please stand to sing*

Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mould me,  
fill me, use me,  
Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me.

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## **Song 2**

As we are gathered, Jesus is here;  
one with each other, Jesus is here;  
joined by the Spirit, washed in the blood,  
part of the body, the church of God.  
As we are gathered, Jesus is here;  
one with each other, Jesus is here.

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## **Gospel Reading [Remain standing]**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John [*John 15: 26-27; 16. 4b-15*]

*All sing* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

‘When the Counsellor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father – the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father – he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

I have told you this, so that when the time comes you will remember that I warned you. I did not tell you this at first because I was with you. Now I am going to him who sent me yet none of you asks me, “Where are you going?” Because I have said these things you are filled with grief. But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counsellor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

‘I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All sing* **Praise to you, O Christ.**



## **Sermon [Sit]**

***A short period of silence is kept.***

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

## **The Creed [Stand]**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession [Sit]**

*And at the end, after a short period of silence*

Merciful Father,

**All accept these prayers for the sake of  
your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**



## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament [Please stand]**

### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All and also with you.**

*We greet each other*

## **OFFERTORY HYMN [174] *[Please stand to sing]***

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure;  
until with thee I will one will,  
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine;  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.

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## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament *[Please stand]***

### **Preparation of the Table**

#### **Taking of the Bread and Wine**



Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,  
the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in  
heaven and on earth is yours.

**All**     **All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

# The Eucharistic Prayer

*Please remain standing*

The Lord is here.

**All His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and  
praise, holy Father, heavenly King,  
almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Therefore, with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing;

*All sing* **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
[Sit or Kneel]**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

*All sing* **Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

*All sing* **Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

# The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**All** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory, for ever and ever.  
Amen.



## Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**All** Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.

## Agnus Dei *is sung*

*Jesus, Lamb of God, Have mercy on us*  
*Jesus, bearer of our sins, Have mercy on us*  
*Jesus, redeemer of the world, Give us your peace.*

## **Giving of Communion**

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

### ***The words of invitation to communion***

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

***All are welcome to come forward to receive the bread and wine at the Communion rail.***

*If you do not wish to take the wine, please walk back to your pew after you have taken the bread.*

***If you would just like to receive a blessing, please carry your order of service with you to help the priest know your intention.***

***If you prefer to receive communion in your pew, the priest will come to you, please let the churchwarden know you wish to receive communion as he approaches down the aisle.***

### **Post Communion Prayer [Sit or Kneel]**

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All Amen**

**All Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

**Final Hymn [175] *[Please stand to sing]***

Come down O Love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till he become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

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# The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit rest within you, and remain with you always. **All Amen.**

## ***The Minister says***

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*Our thanks to The Revd Peter Kane for leading our service of Holy Communion*

***Please stay for coffee or tea and a chat after the service in Waters' Hall***

## **Services in May in Christ Church:**

**23<sup>rd</sup> 10.30am BCP Holy Communion**

**26<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Morning Prayer [Trinity Sunday]**

**Christ Church  
Events coming up soon!**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – from 12.30pm to 1.30pm  
Brighton Guitar Quartet**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> & Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June An Exhibition of Arts to include Banners, Sculptures, paintings and photography  
10.30am to 4.30pm**

**BCP EVENSONG – Service Order**

***Conducted by The Revd Roger Walker***

**Hymn 180** Come thou holy Spirit come

**Confession etc.** (*see booklet*)

**Responses**

**Psalm 139: 1-11** (*see next page*)

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ezekial 36: 22 – 28** *Reader: Roger W*

**Canticle – Magnificat** (*see separate sheet*)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 2: 22 - 38** *Reader: Roger W*

**Canticle – Nunc Dimittis** (*see separate sheet*)

***Creed, Responses, Collects*** (*see booklet*)

**Hymn 178** Come Holy Ghost our souls inspire

**Prayers** *led by Dorothy F*

**Hymn 191** O thou who camest from above

***Sermon***

**Offertory Hymn 182** Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost

***Blessing***

***Organ Voluntary***

*Chorale Prelude Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gotta by  
Friedrich Zachow, 1663-1712, Halle*

***Our thanks to The Revd Roger Walker  
for leading our service this evening***

***PSALM 139: 1 - 11***

## **Magnificat**

1. My soul doth | magnify the | Lord : and my spirit hath re-|  
joiced in | God my Saviour.
2. For he | hath re-| garded : the | lowliness | of his | hand-  
maiden.
3. For be-|-hold, from | henceforth : all gene | rations shall | call  
me | blessed.
4. For he that is mighty hath | magnified | me : and | holy | is his |  
Name.
5. And his mercy is on | them that | fear him : through-| out all |  
gene-| rations.
6. He hath shewèd | strength with his | arm : he hath scattered  
the proud in the imagi-| nation | of their | hearts.
7. He hath put down the mighty | from their | seat : and hath ex-|  
alted the | humble and | meek.
8. He hath filled the hungry with | good | things : and the rich he |  
hath sent | empty a-| way.
9. He re-| membering his | mercy hath holpen his | servant |  
Israel.
10. As he promised | to our | forefathers, Abraham | and his |  
seed, for |ever. Glory be to the Father\*, and | to the | Son : and |  
to the | Holy | Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning\*, is now, and | ever | shall be : world  
without | end. | A-| men.

## **Nunc Dimittis**

1. Lord, now lettest thou thy servant de-| part in | peace : ac-|  
cording | to thy | word.
2. For mine eyes have | seen : thy sal-| vation; which thou hast  
prepared : before the | face of | all | people;
3. To be a light to | lighten the | Gentiles :and to be the | glory of  
thy | people | Israel.  
Glory be to the Father\*, and | to the | Son :and | to the | Holy |  
Ghost;  
As it was in the b-| eginning\*, is now, and | ever | shall be : world  
without | end. | Amen.